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## DECLARATION OF ALAN GNANN

I, Alan Gnann, of 128 Slater Road, Tolland, Connecticut, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am president and owner of REC Components, 17 Middle River Drive, Stamford, Connecticut ("REC") ([www.rec.com](http://www.rec.com)), and have been the president of REC since 1997.
2. REC has been manufacturing high quality fishing rod components and fishing rod accessories since 1968. REC manufactures virtually every type of fishing rod component except the fishing rod "blank," i.e., the rod itself.
3. I obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in ceramic engineering from Alfred University, Alfred, New York in 1971.
4. I obtained a Master of Business Administration Degree from the University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah in 1977.

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